

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the original title to read as follows:

EL ELEMENT AND DISPLAY USING THE SAME DEVICE HAVING A SEALANT LAYER

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 29 as follows:

From the viewpoint of improving the protective function of the protective layer, however, when the protective layer is formed of the same member as the film substrate, as in the case of the construction using the glass substrate, the formation of a sealant layer on the peripheral part of upper and lower film substrates results in the presence of a sealant layer-formed area and a sealant layer-unformed area. For this reason, mechanical properties such as rigidity and thermal expansion of the EL element are heterogeneous. Further, in this case, the distance between the upper and lower film substrates cannot be kept constant, and, thus, the planarity of the surface of the EL element cannot be sometimes maintained. Further, upon rolling of the whole EL element, the upper and lower film substrates come close to each other, and, consequently, the EL part comprising the first electrode, the EL layer, the second electrode and the like sandwiched between them is pressed and is sometimes damaged.

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 9 as follows:

EL elements (electroluminescent elements) are self-luminous elements and are quick in response. Further, the thickness of the EL elements is, per se, ~~is~~ small. Therefore, these EL elements are utilized as displays that can display letters or pictures.

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 14 as follows:

Thus, according to a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided an EL element comprising a first film substrate, an EL part, and a sealant layer.

~~said~~The EL part ~~comprising~~includes a first electrode, an EL layer, and a second electrode and ~~being~~is provided on a part of a surface of the first film substrate.

~~said~~The sealant layer ~~being~~is provided to cover said EL part and to cover the EL part-free part of the surface of the first film substrate in such a manner that the sealant layer covering the EL part is contiguous with the sealant layer covering the EL part-free part of the surface of the first film substrate.

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 4 as follows:

According to a second aspect of the present invention, there is provided a display using an EL element. ~~said~~The EL element ~~comprising~~includes a first film substrate, an EL part, and a sealant layer. ~~said~~The EL part ~~comprising~~includes a first electrode, an EL layer, and a second electrode and ~~being~~is provided on a part of a surface of the first film substrate. ~~said~~The sealant layer ~~being~~is provided to cover said EL part and to cover the EL part-free part of the surface of the first film substrate in such a manner that the sealant layer covering the EL part is contiguous with the sealant layer covering the EL part-free part of the surface of the first film substrate. ~~said~~The EL element ~~being~~is located on such a side that, upon energization of any one of or both the first film substrate side and the sealant layer side, fluorescent emission is viewable, a light transparent pattern layer being formed on the fluorescent emission-viewable side.

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 6 as follows:

An EL element in a first aspect of the present invention will be described with reference to Fig. 1. Fig. 1 is a cross-sectional view showing a preferred embodiment of the EL element according to the present invention. As shown in Fig. 1, the EL element according to the present invention comprises a first film substrate 2, a barrier layer 3, a first electrode 4, an EL part 7 comprising a luminescent layer 5 and a second electrode 6, a sealant layer 8, a barrier layer 9, and a second film substrate 10. The EL part 7 is provided on the barrier layer 3 while leaving a part of the barrier layer 3 as it

is without providing the EL part 7 thereon, that is, the EL part 7 is provided on a part of the barrier layer 3. A sealant layer 8 is provided as a continuous layer covering both the second electrode 6 and the barrier layer 3 in its part where the EL part 7 is not provided so that the upper surface of the sealant layer 8 is flat. Further, a barrier layer 9 and a second film substrate 10 are provided on the upper surface of the sealant layer 8.